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SUBJECT:INT'L SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP ON MARINE POLLUTION
IN THE CARIBBEAN AND ADJACENT REGIONS, PORT OF SPAIN,
13-18 DEC 1976

1. SUBJECT WORKSHOP IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) OF UNESCO,
THE FAO AND THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. EXPERTS IN
MARINE POLLUTION AND RELATED SUBJECTS FROM A NUMBER
OF COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, INCLUDING US, WILL
ATTEND MEETING. EXPERTS DO NOT RPT NOT REPRESENT THEIR
GOVERNMENTS. MEETING WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO IOC, FAO AND UNEP ON NEEDED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AND MONITORING FOR MARINE POLLUTION IN THE REGION.

2. DESPITE SCIENTIFIC FOCUS OF WORKSHOP, UNEP
CARIBBEAN REGIONAL OFFICE ARRANGED FOR MR. L. BALLAH
OF T & T (ONE OF THEIR LAW OF SEA EXPERTS) TO GIVE
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A LECTURE EARLY IN THE MEETING ON "POLITICAL ASPECTS

OF MARINE POLLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL AWARENESS OF MARINE POLLUTION PROBLEMS." DEPT HAS BEEN ASSURED BY IOC SECRETARY THAT HE IS WORKING WITH BALLAH TO ENSURE PAPER IS INNOCUOUS. ATTENDEES FROM

US (IN PARTICULAR DR. DONALD ATWOOD, NOAA) HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THIS PAPER AND TO NECESSITY TO ENSURE WORK-SHOP DOES NOT GET INVOLVED IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS. AT SAME TIME, US WISHES TO BE CAUTIOUSLY SUPPORTIVE OF PROPOSED UNEP CARIBBEAN PROGRAM, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS TO COVER LAND-BASED AS WELL AS MARINE POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN AN "ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT" CONTEXT.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION RELATING TO THIS MEETING UNLESS SO REQUESTED BY US ATTENDEES AT MEETING OR BY DEPT. PLEASE RENDER ANY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO US ATTENDEES IF REQUESTED. ANY COMMUNICATIONS TO DEPT ON THIS MATTER SHOULD BE SENT ACTION JANICE BARNES, OES/OFA/ ROBINSON

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